U.S. EUROPEAN COMMAND

The Africa Clearing House (ACH) Initiative
"Together for Africa's Future"
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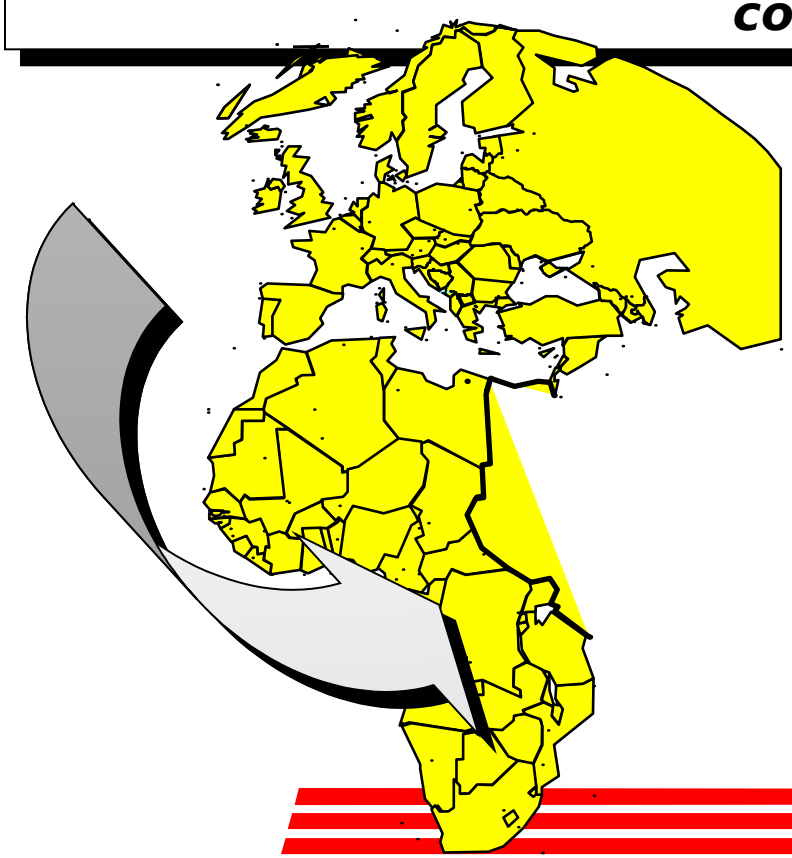
Africa Clearing House

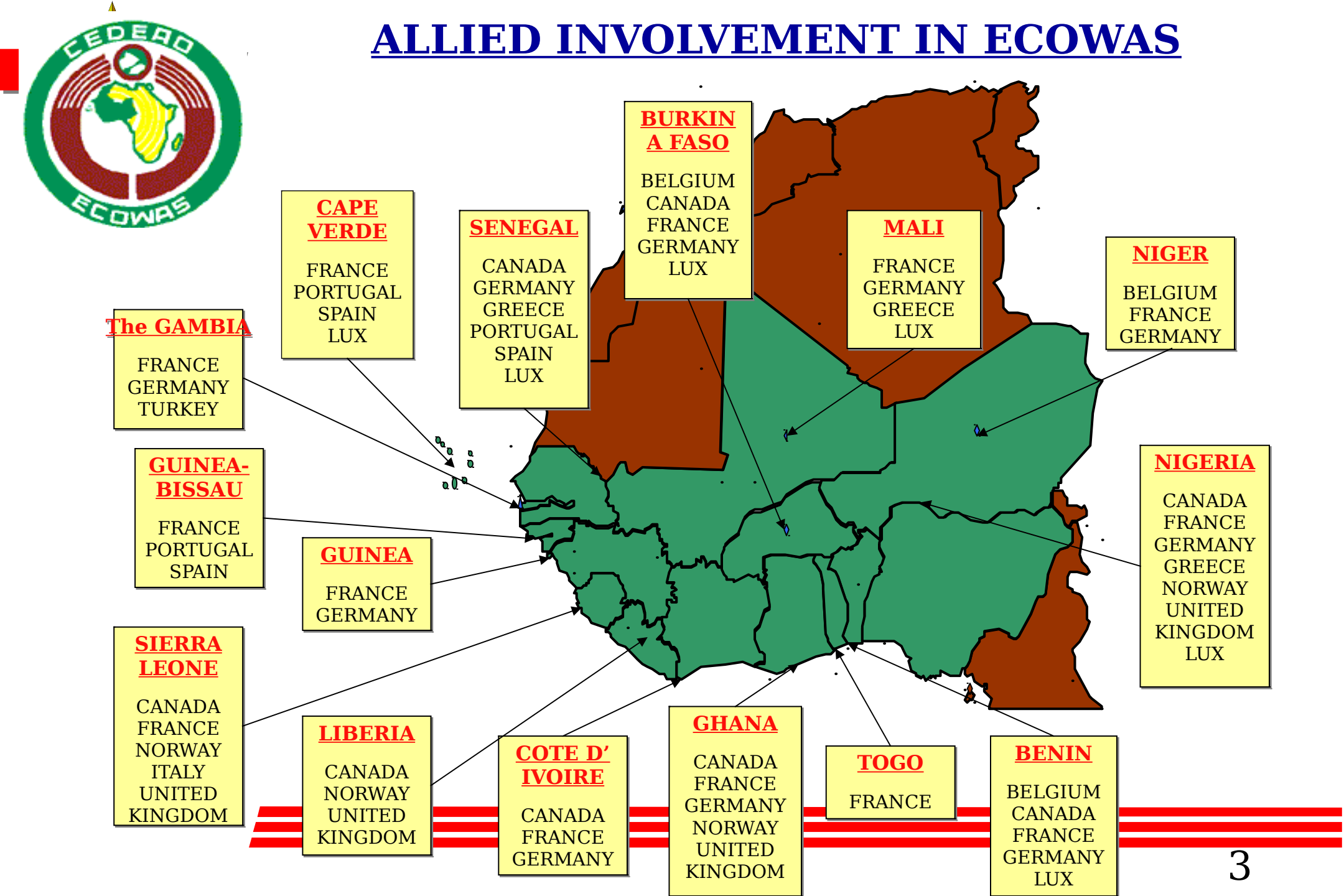
Goal - To provide a multi-lateral forum to exchange information on security assistance and cooperation programs for the African continent; to establish the ACH as the premier mechanism for continued information exchange, cooperation and future collaboration



- **A EUCOM Initiative – Answers EUCOM needs and complements other IA efforts**
- **ECJ5-E and –M co-led initiative**
- **Rotating host nation chair and host**
- **Held quarterly or semi-annually**
- **Different regional focus each ACH (HOA, Great Lakes, North Africa, etc.)**
- **Open to all interested NATO and EU allies**

- **Develop a ready group of contacts and crisis action planners from other countries**
- **Endstate – Becomes the *premier* information exchange forum for Africa**

ALLIED INVOLVEMENT IN ECOWAS

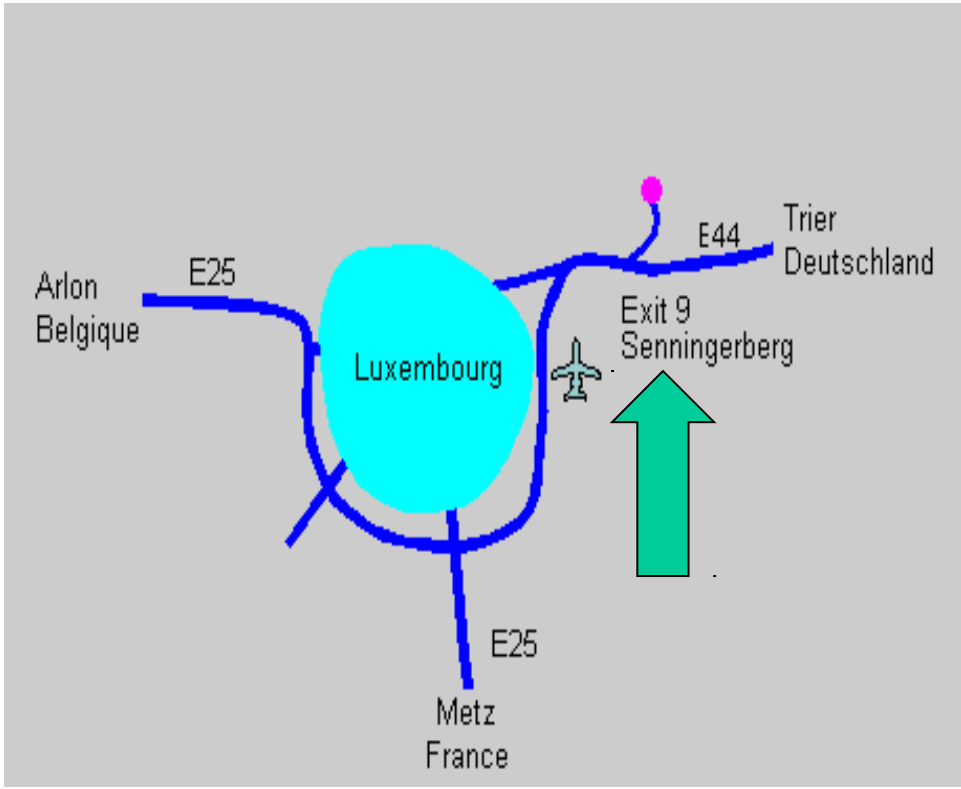


List of ECOWAS and West African Countries

- Benin
- Burkina Faso
- Cape Verde
- Cote D'Ivoire
- The Gambia
- Ghana
- Guinea
- Guinea-Bissau
- Liberia
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Togo

First Africa Clearing House Meeting

- **Where: Luxembourg, Senningen Chateau "Government Central Communications facility" (10 miles outside of Luxembourg City)**
- **When: 24-26 MAY 04**
- **Who: Luxembourg and US EUCOM will co-host and co-chair**
- **Focus: ECOWAS and West Africa**



First Africa Clearing House Meeting Invitees

- **Austria (SHIRBRIG), Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, US, UK, EU, and NATO**
- **0-6 level delegations of 2-3 depending upon the level of engagement in Africa; preferably from MOD Africa Divisions, but MFA invited as well**
- **US and LUX will have more delegates each since it is co-hosting:**
  - **EUCOM and US reps: 6 (TBD)**
- **GO/FO or civilian equivalent representation**
  - **LUX MOD Goerens and US ACSS guest speaker: Mr. Cliff Bernath (SES)**

Recommended numbers per country

- ✓ US – 6 max (6)
- ✓ UK – 3 max (2)
- ✓ FR - 3 max (2)
- ➢ BE – 3 max
- • CAN – 2 max
- • DK – 2 max
- • FL – 2 max
- ✓ GR – 2 max (2)
- ✓ GE – 3 max (3-4)
- ➢ IRE – 2 max
- ✓ IT- 2 max (3)
- ✓ LU – 6 max (6)
- ✓ NL – 2 max (1)
- ▪ NO – 2 max
- ✓ POR – 3 max (1)
- • SP – 2 max
- x SW – 2 max (0)
- ✓ TU – 2 max (1)
- ✓ AUS – 2 max (2)
- ✓ EU – 3 max
- • NATO – 3 max (0)

- • TOTAL = 56 planned (30 to date)

ACH US Delegation

- **ECJ5-M: COL Morrison, LTC Wheeler**
- **ECJ5-E: COL Anderson, Lt Col Rogers**
- **OSD: Christine Lueker, Regional Programs & Legislative Affairs, ISA/AFR**
- **DOS: No one**

- **ACSS speaker: Mr. Cliff Bernath**

Africa Clearing House Schedule Overview: 24-26 MAY 04

- **Monday, 24 MAY:**
  - **Arrival and registration day**
  - **Icebreaker at US AMB residence**
  - **Welcome address by US-LUX representatives**
- **Tuesday, 25 MAY:**
  - **Meetings and presentations at Chateau Senningen**
  - **LUX-hosted lunch on Senningen grounds**
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  - **LUX-hosted dinner at Luxembourg restaurant: ACSS guest speaker**
- **Wednesday, 26 MAY:**
  - **Wrap up meetings and ECOWAS Way Ahead at Chateau**
  - **Wrap up comments by US-LUX representatives**
  - **US-hosted lunch on Chateau grounds**
  - **Departure**

Icebreaker – US AMB Terpeluk's Residence

- Transportation by LUX mil bus
- On US Embassy grounds
- Security by US Embassy
- DCM-hosted
- 1800-2000
- Fully catered
- Welcoming remarks by US-LUX reps

Senningen Chateau Conference Room

- Chateau/conference center on LUX military base
- Large room holds 64 max
- Large media screen - modern systems - microphones
- Technical support and engineers on location
- Administrative room
- Large coffee lounge and break area
- Conference center completely at our disposal
- Threatcon – Low (ESCM)

LUX/EUCOM Timeline

- ✓ 20 APR: Letters of invitation sent by LUX
- ✓ 27 APR: DAO follow up; e-mail invitation letters, hand deliver to Africa reps in MOD's; e-mail example briefings slides
- ✓ 27 APR: IPR DIR J5
- ✓ 28 APR: IPR COS
- ➢ 4 MAY: DCDR IPR
- • 6 MAY: EUCOM-LUX planning meeting
- • 4 - 21 MAY: Contact MOD's to push briefing formats, information, and RSVP's

LUX/EUCOM Timeline

- **7 MAY: Website complete, hang briefings, bios, LUX info, participant list, send example briefings out, etc.**
- **10 MAY: All invitations RSVP'ed…if not, follow up**
- **17 MAY: All briefings complete and hung on website**
- **19 MAY: Final coordination meeting in LUX**
- **24-26 MAY: ACH**
- **3 JUN: Back brief Command Group**
- **4 JUN: All post-conference admin complete/AAR**

ACH Way Ahead

- Working the Way Ahead for the next ACH
- Possible ACH host nations:
  - Netherlands – Great Lakes
  - Portuguese – ECCAS
  - US (?) AECM is due to be hosted by EUCOM
- Expand or tailor list of invitees, case dependent
  - New NATO invitees, North African nations, other nations
- Push other initiatives: GPOI
- Hold in fall (TBD)
- Keep plugging ACH aggressively

Questions/Comments?